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Dated: 4-16-02 Signature: Michal Weinstein  
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PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION OF KLA-Tencor Corporation ENTITLED Overlay error detection	DATE: October 26, 2001 DOCKET OR REFERENCE NUMBER M-10697 WO
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**EL896776841US**

Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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**EL896776841**

To the United States Receiving Office (RO/US):

Accompanying this transmittal letter is the above-identified International application, including a completed Request form (PCT/RO/101). Please process the application according to the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The following requests are made of the RO/US:

1.  PREPARATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS – Please prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the United States origin priority documents identified in Box VI of the Request form (37 CFR 1.451).

To cover the cost of copy preparation and certification (37 CFR 1.19(a)(3) and (b)(1)).

a (check)(money order) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached to this transmittal letter.

the RO/US is hereby authorized to charge the following deposit account no.: 19-2386.  
The appropriate Search fee for the above-named Authority is indicated on the Fee Calculation Sheet (PCT/RO/101 Annex).

2.  SUPPLEMENTAL SEARCH FEES (ONLY WHEN ISA/US CONDUCTS THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH.) Please charge any Supplemental Search fees that may be required by the United States International Searching Authority (ISA/US) to deposit account no.: 19-2386.

*I understand that this authorization is subject to my oral confirmation thereof in each instance and that it in no way limits my right to submit a protest against payment of the Supplemental Search fees, but is merely an administrative aid to assure that the ISA/US may timely complete the Search Report.*

NOTE: SUPPLEMENTAL SEARCH FEES FOR ISA/EP ARE PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO THE EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

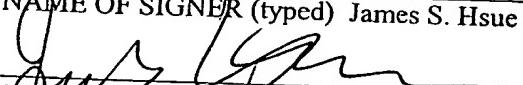
3.  DISCLOSURE INFORMATION – In order to assist in screening the accompanying International application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted, the following information is supplied:

- A.  There is no prior filed application relating to this invention.  
 There is a prior application, serial number 09/697,025 filed on October 26, 2000 which contains subject matter that is
1.  substantially identical to that of the accompanying International application.
  2.  less than that of the accompanying International application. The additional subject matter of the International application appears on page(s) and line(s) \_\_\_\_\_
  3.  more than that of the accompanying International application.

- C.  Disclosure information cannot be covered by the language of Points 3A or 3B above due to the involvement of several prior applications or for other reasons. A separate sheet on which the disclosure information is explained is attached to this transmittal letter.

4.  REQUEST FOR FOREIGN TRANSMITTAL LICENSE – According to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 184 and 37 CFR 5.11, a license to transmit the accompanying International application to foreign agencies or international authorities is hereby requested.

\*Priority is not claimed, unless all necessary information is listed in Box VI of the Request Form (PCT/RO/101).

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0-2	International Filing Date	
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	
0-4	Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared using  PCT-EASY Version 2.92 (updated 01.03.2001)	
0-5	Petition  The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)  United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (RO/US)	
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference  M-10697 WO	
I	Title of invention  OVERLAY ERROR DETECTION	
II	Applicant  This person is:  applicant only	
II-1		
II-2	Applicant for  all designated States	
II-4	Name  KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION	
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II-6	State of nationality  United States of America	
II-7	State of residence  US	
II-8	Telephone No.  US	
II-9	Facsimile No.  (408) 875-5990	
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III-4-5	Address:	
IV-1	Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:	
IV-1-1	Name (LAST, First)	
IV-1-2	Address:	
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IV-1-4	Facsimile No.	
IV-1-5	e-mail	
IV-1-5	Agent's registration No.	
V	Designation of States	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	
V-2	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	

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V-5	<b>Precautionary Designation Statement</b>  In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.	
V-6	<b>Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations</b>	NONE
VI-1	<b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>  Filing date	26 October 2000 (26.10.2000)
VI-1-1	Number	09/697,025
VI-1-2	Country	US
VI-2	<b>Priority document request</b>  The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1
VII-1	<b>International Searching Authority Chosen</b>	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (ISA/US)
VII-2	<b>Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search</b>	
VII-2-1	Date	26 October 2000 (26.10.2000)
VII-2-2	Number	09/697,025
VII-2-3	Country (or regional Office)	US
VIII	<b>Declarations</b>	Number of declarations
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-

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<b>IX</b>	<b>Check list</b>	<b>number of sheets</b>	<b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	4	-
IX-2	Description	30	-
IX-3	Claims	24	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	EZABST00.TXT
IX-5	Drawings	17	-
IX-7	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>	
	<b>Accompanying items</b>	<b>paper document(s) attached</b>	<b>electronic file(s) attached</b>
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	Diskette
IX-18	Other (specified):	Express Mail #EL896776841	-
IX-18	Other (specified):	Return Postcard	-
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	1	
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	English	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative		
X-1-1	Name (LAST, First)	ISSUE, James, S.	

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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported international application	
10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/US
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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11-1	Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau	
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## PCT (ANNEX - FEE CALCULATION SHEET)

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0-2	Date stamp of the receiving Office			
0-4	Form - PCT/RO/101 (Annex) PCT Fee Calculation Sheet Prepared using			
0-4-1		PCT-EASY Version 2.92 (updated 01.03.2001)		
0-9	Applicant's or agent's file reference	M-10697 WO		
2	Applicant	KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION		
12	Calculation of prescribed fees	fee amount/multiplier	total amounts (USD)	
12-1	Transmittal fee	T	⇒	240
12-2	Search fee	S	⇒	450
12-3	International fee			
	Basic fee			
	(first 30 sheets)	b1	382	
12-4	Remaining sheets		46	
12-5	Additional amount	(X)	9	
12-6	Total additional amount	b2	414	
12-7	b1 + b2 =	B	796	
12-8	Designation fees			
	Number of designations contained in international application		2	
12-9	Number of designation fees payable (maximum 6)		2	
12-10	Amount of designation fee	(X)	82	
12-11	Total designation fees	D	164	
12-12	PCT-EASY fee reduction	R	-117	
12-13	Total International fee (B+D-R)	I	⇒	843
12-14	Fee for priority document			
	Number of priority documents requested		1	
12-15	Fee per document	(X)	15	
12-16	Total priority document fee	P	⇒	15
12-17	<b>TOTAL FEES PAYABLE (T+S+I+P)</b>		⇒	1,548
12-19	Mode of payment	authorization to charge deposit account		
12-20	Deposit account instructions  The receiving Office:	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (RO/US)		
12-20-1	Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	✓		
12-20-2	Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	✓		

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12-20-3	Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.	✓
12-21	Deposit account No.	19-2386
12-22	Date	26 October 2001 (26.10.2001)
12-23	Name and signature	HSUE, James, S. <i>James S. Hsue</i>

## VALIDATION LOG AND REMARKS

13-2-2	Validation messages States	<p>Green?</p> <p>More designations could be made. The following States have not been designated: AP:( GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW); EA:( AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM); OA:( BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG); AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, LI, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW. Please verify.</p>
13-2-7	Validation messages Contents	<p>Yellow!</p> <p>The power of attorney or a copy of the general power of attorney will need to be furnished unless all applicants sign the request form.</p>
		<p>Green?</p> <p>The abstract shall be as concise as the disclosure permits (preferably 50 to 150 words if it is in English or when translated into English).</p>
13-2-8	Validation messages Fees	<p>Green?</p> <p>Please confirm that fee schedule utilized is the latest available</p>
13-2-9	Validation messages Payment	<p>Green?</p> <p>Please ensure that you have a valid deposit account with the receiving Office selected.</p>

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Applicant: KLA-Tencor Corporation  
Inventor: Nikoonahad et al.  
Title: Overlay Error Detection  
Attorney Docket: M-10697 WO

ENCLOSED:

- XX PCT Int'l. Appln. Transmittal Letter (PTO-1382)
- XX Request Form PCT/RO/101 - 4 pages (PCT-Easy 2.92)
- XX Fee Calculation Sheet (w/Authorization to charge deposit account) (2 pgs) (PCT-Easy 2.92)
- XX pages Drawings (17)
- XX pages Description (30)
- XX pages Claims (25)
- XX page Abstract (1)
- XX Diskette
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- XX Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-2386 on Fee Calculation Sheet

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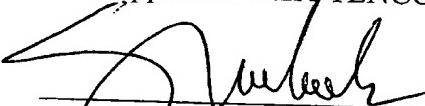
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as agents to act on its/his/her/their behalf before the competent International Authorities in connection with the international application concerning "**Overlay Error Detection**" Agents' file reference **M-10697 WO**, filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) and request(s) that all payments on its/his/her/their behalf, and also all correspondence, notices, official letters and other communication be directed to:

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Signed on behalf of Applicant: KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION

Signature: 

Name: Stuart Nichols  
Title: Vice President and General Counsel  
Place: KLA-Tencor Corporation  
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